(b) what other suggestions have they to meet the all round misery of the times?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Government are not aware.

(b) The results of the proposed economic survey of the State have to be awaited.

Husk-beating Industry.

590. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 388, dated 12th of Kumbham 1107, will the Government be pleased to state the details of their attempt at Cherai?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A coir works factory was started at Cherai with a view to purchase coir yarn and rope from individual husk beaters and to convert them to coir mats, rugs, etc., and to teach the children of the artisans as to how coir mats, rugs, etc., are to be manufactured. No attempt was however, made to substitute machinery for human labour in regard to husk beating.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether there is any possibility of such machine substitution for this industry?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am not an authority. I shall leave it to experts.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you kindly make some inquiry about it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It will be one of the inquiries.

Steps to prevent wastage in Primary Education.

591. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the number of pupils in the State attending (1) first, (2) second, (3) third and (4) fourth year classes at the end of 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106 and 1107;

(b) what steps have been taken by the Government to eliminate wastage in Primary Education?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a)

Years	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV
1103	31,281	21,631	18,441	21,051
1104	32,719	22,939	19,698	21,815
1105	33,373	24,583	17,184	28,084
1106	34,485	24,657	21,973	22,573
1107	35,417	27,296	23,663	23,811

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(b) There is some wastage but it cannot be said to be considerable. The minimum qualification for even admission to Industrial schools having been insisted on (i. e., a pass in class IV) the wastage on account of primary education is minimised. To totally obviate all wastage one of two things is necessary.

(1) Poverty should be wholly wiped out;

(2) or compulsion should be introduced.

Allotment for Kunnamkulam Town Improvement.

592. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 145 dated 2nd December 1932, will the Government be plersed to state:—

(a) whether the road which the Government had admitted to be necessary for the protection of women and children when fire breaks out in the bazaar will be included in the list of works to be done in the current year;

(b) whether the whole amount budgetted for town improvement in the current year be utilised before the end of the year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) There is no provision in the current year and so the Government regret that it may not be possible to provide this this year.

(b) Government hope to do so.

Cultivation of Cinquonium as an industry.

593. Mr. A. I. Mani.—(a) What is the amount of quinine purchased and what is the total cost per year;

(b) is not quinine the best and the most reliable remedy for malaria;

(c) if so, cannot the Government undertake the cultivation of cinquonium as an industry in the State so as to make it within the reach of all;

(d) will cinquonium grow in our soil;

(e) is the Government aware that the Government of Madras is trying this experiment?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

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		Rs.
(a) Quinine Sulph.	460 lbs.	7,457—5—0
Quinine By-Hydrochlor	8 lbs.	
Quinine Hydrochlor	25 lbs.	

(b) Yes.

(c) No. The venture is uncertain of its results and prohibitive in cost.

(d) It grows on an elevation of over 2,000 feet. No trial has however been made.

(e) Yes, but it is not sure if the results are satisfactory.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—(c) Is this answer only a conjecture or the result of inquiry and study?

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